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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Port Arthur capitulated on Sunday, after a heroic defense since last May; honorable terms allowed by the Japanese commander. —— John N. Cortazer has been appointed G. P. A. of the 'Frisco System. —— At a brilliant New Year's reception at the White House, President and Mrs. Roosevelt greeted 7,778 people yesterday; all colors and classes attended. —— Algernon Myer, of Jacksonville, Fla., who saw Caesar Young shoot himself while in the cab with Nan Patterson, has been located at Deland, Fla. —— Judge Speer, of Georgia, has again held that chain-gang punishment for misdemeanor is contrary to law and civilization. —— The German steamship Germania was held up as Newport News yesterday because she it supposed to have on board two submarine boats for Russia. —— The Norwegian Bark, Marpesia, from New York from Havana, with naptha, was blown up at sea and eleven of her crew killed; the balance of her crew has been landed at Hamilton, Bermuda.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 2.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 46; 8 P. M., 57 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum 4g degrees; mean 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.74 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 6.7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—For North Carolina: Rain and colder Tuesday, brisk to high Northwest winds, Wednesday fair.

STORM-WARNING MESSAGE.

The following message was received at this office last night for the information of the public.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2.—Advisory message: Northwest storm warnings ordered 10 P. M., for Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe, Baltimore, Breakwater, Reedy Island, Port Norris, Cape May, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Sandy Hook, and New York. Winds will become high Northwest to North Tuesday with rapidly falling temperature and rain or snow from the New Jersey coast Northward and rain South.

Port Almanac—January 3.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.01 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 50 M.
High Water at Southport	6.32 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	9.02 P. M.

"What has become of the government lands?" asks an exchange in discussing the land frauds out West. You can search us.

Now that Port Arthur has fallen the operation of the Chefoo liars and the Chinese junks will be greatly restricted.

General Kuropatkin failed to eat that Christmas dinner in Tokio, but Gen. Nogi came near enough to smell one in Port Arthur.

With all the handicaps lifted from the commerce of Wilmington, the business men of the city can unite to make a greater Wilmington.

A greater Wilmington should be the strenuous aim of the business men of our city this year. Get the elbow touch and move forward.

The cotton boll weevil was made to do service in the bull crusade in 1903, but it is beginning to be regarded now as a bugbear in the market.

The farmers in Georgia and Alabama who have a notion of burning their cotton to reduce the supply might organize a boycot on the importation of Gautemala ants.

In Chicago a few days ago a woman was killed in trying to jump a board bill. Women should avoid strenuous athletics that require her to either jump a bill board or a board bill.

It appears that the work of the boll weevil has resulted in a crop of about 13,500,000 bales of cotton. So, it will be necessary not only to reduce the acreage this year, but to exterminate the boll weevil as well.

An English authorist declares that Americans spoil their wives. They are worth spoiling, however, and no foreign interference can keep a married man from doing his best to keep the matrimonial reins well in hand after his own fashion.

The Northern papers are telling the South how foolish they are acting in burning their cotton. The comments are all because a crank farmer at Fort Wayne, Ga., burned just one bale. The people of the South haven't turned idiots in a bunch.

It wasn't a good day for anarchists in Washington last Saturday morning. At 9 o'clock President and Mrs Roosevelt slipped off from the secret service men and strolled down Pennsylvania avenue. This was pretty daring for the President and his wife, but why should it be so?

Beginning at least twenty years since, THE MORNING STAR has repeatedly urged that a city Alderman be made a salaried officer; and we are glad to note that the Legislature will be called on to pass a bill that will give the city authorities the power to carry into effect the change suggested.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page

— The public schools will resume their sessions to-day. Superintendent John Jay Blair returned from High Point yesterday.

— Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. Robt. Strange left Saturday for Florida, to take charge of the building of the extension of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad."

— Jane Edwards, colored, reputed to be 110 years of age, died Sunday at her home, Brunswick between Eighth and MacRae streets. She was buried in the colored cemetery.

— The evening dancing class of Miss Cantwell will resume this evening at 8:30 o'clock after the holidays. The afternoon classes will not resume until next Monday at 3:30. P. M.

— The weather the past two days has been delightful. The extra schedule on the suburban line to Wrightsville sound and beach, Sunday and yesterday was highly appreciated by the public and travel has been very heavy.

—"Queen Victoria," a notorious colored woman of "Dross Neck," was sent to jail by Justice Fowler yesterday upon a charge of being a nuisance, preferred by Mary Crawford, also colored. The "Queen" is held for trial at the next term of Superior Court.

—British Steamer "Chatburn," 1, 225 tons, Capt. Wood, arrived yesterday from Charleston for cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons. There are now only two cotton steamers in port—the "Chatburn" and the "Juanita North."

— The Lyric Stock Company, which played the past week at the Academy of Music here, left yesterday afternoon for Newbern to begin a week's engagement in that city. Mr. R. H. Cowan, of Cowan Bros., lessees, of the theatres here and at Newbern went along with the company.

—The New Year yesterday was observed about as usual. Nearly all offices and public buildings were closed for the day and friends contented themselves with enjoying the balmy atmosphere on the streets and in the country and in exchanging the compliments of the season.

— One of the very prettiest calendars of the new year is that being sent out by W. M. Carney & Co., Atmore, Ala. Mr. Carney, the senior member of the firm, is a North Carolinian, who has accumulated wealth in his adopted home and who is most pleasantly remembered here.

PRETTY HOLIDAY GERMAN.

Impromptu Affair Last Night in Masonic Temple Enjoyed by Large Number.

A delightful impromptu german led by Mr. George P. James and complimentary to the young people who are spending the holidays in the city, was given last night in the Masonic Temple. The decorations were very pretty and excellent music for the dance was discoursed by Hollowbush's Orchestra. Mr. James firmly established his prowess as a leader and the german was one of the very prettiest of the holidays. Among those present and dancing were:

Miss Elizabeth Payne with Mr. H. M. Chase; Mr. and Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae; Miss Alice Borden, Mr. H. M. Croswell; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. J. S. Armstrong, Jr.; Miss Young, Mr. Rosenman; Miss Isabelle Rountree, Mr. B. H. Bridgers; Miss Nora Angel, Lieut. Adams; Miss Julia Parsley, Mr Zach Bell; Miss Jessie Peck, Mr. Geo. P. James; Miss Laura Clark, Mr. Harry West; Miss Charlotte Pleasants, Mr. Will Go[illegible] Miss Carrie Sale Hardwicke, Mr. [illegible]wood Giles; Miss Sarah Catlett, Paul Cantwell; Miss Leona Cantwell, Mr. Julian R. Cheme[illegible] Miss Schumate, Mr. C. D. [illegible]ffitt; Miss Minnie Beebee, Mr. [illegible] Potts, Jr.; Miss Daisy Burbank, Mr. [illegible]e Peck; Miss Hettebe Beebee, Mr. [illegible] Walters; Miss Elovinse Burrus, [illegible] W. L. Smith, Jr.; Miss Bessie [illegible]n, Mr. Rob Calder; Miss Amy B[illegible] Mr. June Davis; Miss [illegible] McMillan, Mr. W. P. Bo[illegible] Miss Mea LeGrande, Mr. E. [illegible] Nash; Miss Carrie Harriss, Mr. Meares Harriss; Miss Margaret Walker, Mr. June Potts; [illegible]ss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. W. M. Bellamy; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. Preston Cumming,; Lieut. and Mrs. Hinckley; Miss Annie Taylor, Mr. W. L. Walker; Miss Patteson, of Petersburg, Mr. Milton Calendar; Miss Lina DeRosset, Mr. James Gause; Miss Short, Mr. Haughton James; Miss Anne Hill Holmes, Mr. Emmett Crow; Miss Elise Emerson, Mr. Fishback, of Kentucky: Miss Theodocia Cantwell, Mr. H. M. Emerson, Jr.

Stags—Messrs. Louis Hatch, McR. Jones, W. P. Emerson, Eugene LeGrande and Waddell Walters.

Big Family Gathering.

Mrs. Rosanna King, the venerable mother of Rev. J. P. King, Elder B. R. King and other of Wilmington's highly esteemed citizens, last night celebrated her 85th birthday at the home of Mr. B. R. King, No. 812 Wooster street. Of the family there are about 115 sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and great grand children and nearly all of them were present last night to make glad the heart of their "old mother." Many handsome presents were received and all present felt that the celebration was one of the happiest in their lives.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dick & Reilly—Notice.
A. G. Abrens—Deerfield water.
Atlantic National Bank—Safety.
James Owen Reilly—Real estate.
Orow & Taylor—Patnership notice.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Discount stamps.
Academy—"A Romance Above the Clouds."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Boy about 16 years old.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT

Fritz G. Punke, German Storekeeper, Assaulted by Negro Early Last Night.

ALONE IN HIS ROOM.

Struck Behind With Some Blunt Instrument by Would-be Assassin, Who Fled Before Policeman's Bullet. Sent to the Hospital.

Seated in his room reading a newspaper, his back to the door, Fritz G. Punke, a German who keeps a store out on Market street and lives alone on the second floor of a building next to northeast corner of Water and Princess, was violently assaulted, presumably for the purpose of robbery, by an unknown negro who crept up the stairway upon the man last night about 9 o'clock, dealt him a severe blow back of the head with some blunt instrument and then ran down the stairway to the street, making good his escape. The negro evidently meant to deal Mr. Punke a knock-out blow, but failing in that purpose he abandoned the idea of robbery and ran.

Policeman Frank George, who was on duty on that beat, was coming up the streets and heard the cry of murder from Mr. Punke. He ran forward just in time to see the man dart down the stairway and out on the street, Mr. Punke following him and yelling at the top of his voice. Officer George called to the negro to halt and fired at him to stop him, but without effect. The black man was chased down on the wharf back of the D. L. Gore Co.'s warehouse where all trace of him was lost. Mr. Punke was carried to the police station for surgical attention but later, upon his return to his room, the wound bled so profusely and he was so weakened by the loss of blood, that it became necessary to send him to the hospital, where he is now in a dangerous condition. There is no clue to the identity of the negro, though Mr. Punke thinks the black man is from Pender county, where Mr. Punke formerly kept a store.

LIQUOR QUESTION IN THE STATE.

Three Towns Dry With New Year—Dispensary Profits in Raleigh.

Sixteen saloons in Charlotte, eleven in Greensboro and about the same number in Newbern went out of business with the old year Saturday night, prohibition elections having carried last Summer in those cities. More or less ceremony attended the closing of the bars in those places, the "Morally Stunted" having gathered on the square in Charlotte and sung "Goodbye, Old Booze," which song became immortal in the dispensary campaign there prior to July 5th. In Greensboro large "family supplies" were purchased on the last day, and the saloons are said to have pressed into service all the available delivery wagons to keep up with the rush. A special from Newbern on "closing day" says: "A feature to-day was the autioneering of whiskey in packages and bulk at various bar-rooms, something which has never before happened in our city."

In this connection it is interesting to note from the Raleigh News and Observer that the dispensary in that city for the twelve months ended Saturday night dispensed approximately $178,000 worth of "booze," upon which the net profits are figured close in the neighborhood of $80,000.

LOSATE TRUCK TEST FARM.

State Horticulturist Hume Here to Investigate Strong Claims Urged by City.

State Horticulturist H. Harold Hume of the North Carolina Board of Agriculture, arrived in the city last night and is a guest at The Orton. Mr. Hume was expected yesterday morning but having missed train connection at Goldsboro, he did not reach [illegible]ty until last night. Mr. Hume is [illegible] look over the territory in the vi[illegible]e of Wilmington with a view of locat[illegible] the truck test farm soon to be establish[illegible]d at some point in Eastern Carolina by the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Hume will be shown some of the fine lands in this vicinity by a special committee of business men who have gathered all data with reference to the soil, climate and other advantages that makes this section peculiarly desirable as a site for the farm. Mr. Hume has already visited several points in the trucking belt and comes to Wilmington to investigate unusually strong claims being made by this city. He will probably return to Raleigh this evening.

Convicts Fought Fire.

Fifty or more convicts at the county stockade at Castle Haynes had to be called out yesterday afternoon to fight a fire in a field of grass near the station, which came very near destroying the residence of Mr. W. H. Shearin and other residents in the village. Some fire had been put out to burn a plat of land near the camp, but the wind came up and it soon got beyond control of those in charge of the work. The posts to a considerable line of wire fence were burned, but otherwise the damage was trifling. The convicts, some of them for terms of a year or more, behaved themselves splendidly and not a single one of them attempted to escape.

— The STAR has with the compliments of the Scotland Neck Common wealth a very handsome calendar for the new year, which is really a work of art.

PRETTY NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Delightful Affair Last Night at Y. M. C. A. Interesting Exhibition by Gymnasium Teams—Refreshments, Etc.

Nearly 400 persons attended the annual New Year reception last night at the Y. M. C. A., which was one of the most delightful affairs in the history of that institution. The rooms of the Association were most artistically decorated by a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary headed by Mrs. Luther A. Blue and the ladies of the Auxiliary and the Social Committee of the Association received the guests. The first part of the evening was devoted to exercises in the gymnasium under the direction of Mr. Charles Dushan, the general secretary and physical director.

A wand drill by twenty young men to a musical accompaniment by Mrs. Mattie L. Cranfen, was very cleverly executed, the wands having been in red, white and blue, producing a beautiful effect. Next followed a high dive from the floor, over a cross bar to a mat by ten members of the advanced gymnasium class. The next number was a comedy boxing bout by Messrs. Uiley King and Robert Houston, the boxers being blindfolded and going through all sorts of ludicrous movements to the great amusement of the spectators. Acrobatic feats from a spring board by Messrs. J. J. Loughlin and Robert Houston showed great skill by the athletes. The dives were over six persons kneeling side by side and four persons in pyramid form. These feats were very interesting and difficult and concluded with rear and forward somersaults from the board. Messrs. Loughlin, A. C. Boney, Wilbur Dosher, Chas. Dushan and others of the advanced class next gave a highly creditable exhibition on the parallel bars and those features of the programme concluded with an interesting relay race.

The guests at the reception were next entertained at a "social hour" in the parlors of the Association. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent by all. The reception, which is an annual affair to give the public some idea of the completeness and scope of the work being done at the Y. M. C. A., eclipsed all former efforts of its kind.

CAPT. CRONLY BROUGHT HOME.

Arrived Here on Special Train Sunday Afternoon—Symptoms Give Hope.

Capt. Douglas T. Cronly, who was so severely injured by a fall in Columbia, S. C., Friday afternoon, was brought to Wilmington Sunday afternoon, arriving on a special train consisting of one coach and an engine at 5:10 o'clock. The injured man was removed at once to the James Walker Memorial Hospital where he is now under treatment by his physician, Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, of this city, who went to the injured man's bedside on a special train Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock and accompanied the patient home. Dr. Bellamy, after leaving the hospital at 9:30 o'clock last night, said that Capt Cronly had not yet entirely regained consciousness but there was some amelioration of his symptoms. He is not yet out of danger, though there is still hope.

The special train which brought Capt. Cronly to Wilmington was in charge of Engineer Jim Houston and Conductor C. E. McCulloch and made the 192 miles between Wilmington and Columbia, with all necessary stops, from 12:35 to 5:10 P. M. The injured man was given the best of attention and stood the trip remarkably well. His hundreds of friends here, while realizing that his recovery will be slow, hope that it will be certain and that no untoward symptoms will develop in the meantime.

DICK & REILLY DISSOLVED.

Junior Member of Firm Purchases His Partner's Interest in Business.

Official announcement is made elsewhere in today's paper that Mr. James Owen Reilly has purchased the interest of Mr. W. A. Dick in the real estate and insurance agency of Messrs. Dick & Reilly, No. 110 Princess street, and that he will conduct the business at the same stand in the future. All obligations of the firm will be paid by Mr. Reilly and all debts due the firm will be collected and receipted for by Mr. Reilly. The purchase by Mr. Reilly includes the office building of the firm and the "Gilbert House" property adjoining.

The business is one of the oldest in the city, having been established by Maj. D. O'Connor, an uncle of the present purchaser, in the year 1869. Prior to the sale by Messrs. Dick & Reilly something over a year ago, Mr. Reilly had been practically in charge of the business for some time and is fully conversant with real estate affairs of every kind. He will do well with the business which he has now undertaken. Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Reilly in another column.

It is understood that Mr. Dick will continue in the real estate business on his own account.

Popular Prices a. Academy.

The Peruchi-Gypzene Company gave two capital productions at the Academy of Music to packed houses yesterday, presenting "A Blue Ridge Girl" at New Year matinee yesterday afternoon and "A Midnight Marriage" last night. The company is well balanced, has a strong line of specialties and promises to give the best of satisfaction during the week. To-night the bill will be "A Romance Above the Clouds." Popular prices will prevail.

NEW THEATRE SURE.

Charlotte Architects Completed Plans for Modern Playhouse on Second Street.

WILL BEGIN BUILDING SOON.

Mr. S. A. Schloss and Associates of Wilmington and the North Behind the Enterprise — Thirty Thousand Dollar Venture—Notes.

Messrs. Hook & Sawyer, architects, of Charlotte, have completed plans for a new $30,000 theatre building which Mr. S. A. Schloss, of this city, and associates will build on the east side of Second, next to its intersection with Princess street. The brick residence on the site, known as the McRee place, was vacated this week with a view of tearing down the present structure to make ready for the building of the new one, a contract for which will be given out within the next ten days or two weeks. The new theatre will be completed in time for the opening next season. Associated with Mr. Schloss in the building of the new playhouse is Mr. Thomas H. Wright, the well known real estate man of this city, and one or more capitalists from the North, whose names are not yet given. However, a majority of the stock in the company, Mr. Schloss says, will be owned in Wilmington, he and Mr. Wright being the principal holders. It is understood that Mr. Thos. H. Wright will be local manager of the house, while Mr. Schloss will continue his general management of his other theatres throughout the State.

The new building will be 80x150 feet in size, of brick and two stories in height. Fronting on Second street will be two stores, 20x40 feet in size, with a main entrance to the theatre, located in the rear, between the two. Over the two stores and entrance on the second floor, will be a hall for dances or other entertainments, while the remainder of the entire building will be devoted to the theatre, giving a comfortable seating capacity of 1,200. The theatre proper will be 80x110 feet in size, with stage in the rear, a parquet, balcony and gallery, the latter being accessible by a stairway, leading to an alley on the north side of the building, thereby separating the races in going to and from the theatre. The parquet and balcony and the first three rows in the gallery will be furnished throughout with the latest opera chairs and the remainder of the theatre will be modernly equipped in every way. The entrance between the stores will be tiled and the box office etc. will be situated just to the left at the doors to the theatre. It is the purpose of those behind the enterprise to make the house the prettiest and most comfortable in the State. The stores will be rented for occupancy by a first class confectioner, druggist or like dealers.

The front of the new building will be of white press brick and will extend above, so as to give the effect of a three story structure. The stores will have solid plate glass fronts and will be equipped in every way to suit the lessees.

In returning to the theatrical field in Wilmington, in a competitive way, Mr. Schoss says he has no desire but that perfect harmony shall exist between the management of the two houses and that so far as he is concerned there will be no waging of war to the detriment of one another. He bought the lot on Second street more than a year ago, with the view of building a theatre, but has approached the venture with considerable misgivings until now. He thinks the field sufficiently productive for the two houses and will do nothing to disturb the friendly relations now existing between the management of the two.

Big Month for Police.

Embracing, as it does, the Christmas holidays, the December police report is always of interest. This year the number of arrests during the month was 137, against 133 during the same month last year and only 91 December two years ago. The defendants during the month just ended were 56 whites and 81 colored. Of that number 16 whites and eight blacks were arrested for being drunk and down; seven whites and 11 blacks were drunk and disorderly; 12 whites and four colored were charged with plain drunks; five whites and seven colored were charged with disorderly conduct and the remainder with various offences. Of the 137 persons arrested, 18 went to the roads and jail for an aggregate of 530 days; 12 were bound over to the Superior Court, under aggregate bonds of $435 and one was committed without bail for burglary.

Collector Keith's Smallpox.

Collector of Customs B. F. Keith asks that the statement that he contracted smallpox at his farm up the river, be corrected. Mr. Keith says the disease was contracted in Wilmington. He was resting very well yesterday and was getting along as well as could be expected. The Custom House was fumigated yesterday by the health authorities. However, the fumigation did not interfere with the business of the port, as the Custom House was closed for the New Year holiday anyhow.

Navigation and Pilotage.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the office of Messrs. Willard & Giles, on Princess streets. A full attendance by members is requested as important matters will be presented for consideration.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

— Miss Lena Everett has gone to Norfolk to visit friends.

— Mr. David D. Sloan returned to Sanford yesterday afternoon.

— Dr. George F. Lucas, of Currie, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Louise Sloan is the guest of Mrs. B. R. Graham, at Wallace.

— Mr. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. C. H. Polley, of Hallsboro, Columbus county, was here yesterday.

— Messrs. Joseph Isaacs and Myer Strauss, of Goldsboro, arrived last evening.

— Mr. R. C. Gregg, of South Carolina, is the guest of Mr and Mrs. E. M. Gregg.

— Mr. Grattan Williams, of Long Creek, was in the city making business calls yesterday.

— Capt. W. F. Adair, of the A. C. L. at Charleston, S. C., is in the city for a few days.

— Miss Marie Russell has returned to Richmond after a pleasant visit to friends in the city.

— Miss Bessie LeGwin left yesterday to resume her studies at the Greensboro Female College.

— E. DeWitt Smith, of Raleigh, and Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, were guests at The Orion yesterday.

— Miss Sallie Johnson, of Fremont, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ramsey, returned home yesterday.

— Miss Mamie Love has returned from Atkinson, N. C., where she spent the holidays very pleasantly with friends and relatives.

— Miss Lucy McIntosh, after spending the holidays with her parents, has returned to Charlotte to resume her studies at the Presbyterian College.

— Mr. Jeff Blackburn, of Mount Olive, one of the old-time subscribers to THE MORNING STAR, was in the city yesterday and favored the office with a visit.

— Mr. Charles A. Price left yesterday afternoon, returning to Harisville, S. C., where he is engaged as cotton buyer for Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons.

— Mr. Carl Schulken and bride, after a short visit to Mr. Schulken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulken, returned yesterday to their home in Norfolk, Va.

— Fayetteville Observer 2nd: Capt. Charles Kennedy and Mr. s Kennedy have returned from Wilmington, where they visited their son, Mr. Charles Kennedy.

—Mrs. Edward Butcher, Jr., of Petersburg, Va., arrived last night to spend two weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth, No. 315 North Second street.

— Fayetteville Observer 2nd: Mr. J. F. L. Armfield returned from Maxton to-day, leaving Mrs. Armfield there with her brother, Mr. A. W. Lean, whose condition is more favorable.

— Mr. Alexander Powers left for his home at Wallace yesterday after spending a few days with friends in the city. He will return to Wake Forest College Friday to resume his law studies.

— Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were: Messrs. C. H. Holland and wife, of Pollocksville, N. C.; A. B. Carroll, of Clinton; John B. Hanks, of Raleigh, and M. Fowlkes, of Rockingham.

— Alex. M. McClure, Esq., returned to Louisville, Ky., yesterday, after spending the holidays here with his father, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. He carries with him to his new home the very best wishes of hundreds of friends for the greatest of success in his chosen profession, upon which he is just now entering.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin, of Raleigh, spent New Year's Day in Wilmington with Mrs. Martin's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan. They returned home on the early Seaboard train this morning. Mr. Martin is on the staff of the Morning Post and his duties in the Legislature called him back rather earlier than he hoped.

— Sunday's Newbern Journal says: "Mr. H. D. Burkheimer, the efficient postal clerk on the Coast Line Railway, leaves to-morrow morning to take a like position on one of the railroads at Charlotte, in which city he and his family will make their home. Mr. Burkheimer came here over four years ago, filling the position which he resigns, during that time, and has made many friends who will regret to see him leave. Mr. E. M. Coleman, of Marion, S. C., will succeed Mr. Burkheimer in the postal service."

New Grocery Firm.

Official notice is given elsewhere in to-day's paper of a the formation of copartnership by Messrs. J. Hargrove Taylor and W. C. Crow, two popular young Wilmingtonians who will conduct a first class grocery store at No. 14 Market street, under the firm name of Crow & Taylor, succeeding, to the business established a few months ago by Mr. Taylor They are both young men of good business ability, fully reliable, and will soon control the large share of public patronge that the combination merits. Mr. Crow, who was formerly with the Navassa Guano Co., in this city, has resigned his position to devote his entire time to the grocery business.

Happy New Year.

This last leaf is torn from the calendar and we write down a new year, 1905, and we begin where we left off. But we begin right,

There will be no step backward.

Within the year your store has grown in volume and prestige and commands increased respect. In

Wishing You a Happy New Year

and thanking you for our growth and prosperity, we promise better things—improvements in merchandise, methods and store service.

Your store shall be something better than a place to hand out goods and take in money. May the new year be kind, and when time shall harvest 1905, may we all be here and able to say Happy New Year.

The A. David Co.,

Clothiers and Haberdashers.

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The Atlantic National Bank

With Capital and earned surplus of about $400,000 offers absolute safety with prompt and careful service.

Will loan $600,000 upon satisfactory security.

JOHN S. ARMSTRONG, President.

J. W. YATES, Cashier. jan 3 1f

A PRETTY CHURCH AFFAIR.

Annual Holiday Entertainment by Southside Baptist Sunday School Last Night—Programme of Music.

The annul holiday entertainment of Southside Baptist Sunday school last night was one of the prettiest and most elaborate of the season. The decorations were profuse and the church auditorium was filled with a merry throng of young people and not a few of the older ones. The exercises opened with a song by the school, prayer by the new pastor, Rev. W. H. Davis, another song by the school and then an address by Mr. R. B. Moore, the clever superintendent of the school. A march behind the scenes next entertained the gathering and Miss Isabelle Thomas then delivered a most cordial welcome address.

The programme proper then followed as outlined below.

Banquet, a recitation and drill, by Misses Gracie Raspberry, Elmer Costin, Ethel Moore, Mary Moore, Mira Fales, Essie Greenwald, Isabelle Thomas, Leither Russ, Cecil Gore, Cecil Jones, Mabel Gore, Elmer Jones.

Recitation, "Abide With Me," Miss Bertha Devaun.

Bells, Sallie Justice, George Fales, Fannie Holton, Mollie Holton, Lottie Fales, Ruth Robbins, Essie Greenwald, Clyde Robinson, Thomas Young, Albert Fales, Shepard Moore, William Reville, Isaac Greenwald.

Song by Elmer Costin.

Visions in the flames, (Grandmother), Bertha Devaun; (Hal), Willie Simons; (Carl), Charles Devaun; (Mildred), Florence Elliott; (Kitty), Mattie Maltsby-(Evelyn), Annie Sykes: (Fairies), Maggie Simons, Jennie Thomas; [Jack the Giant Killer,] Clyde Robinson; [Mother Goose,] Essie Greenwald; [Puss in boots,] William Reville, [Jack Horner,] Dan Mintz; [Children,] Mira Fales, Elmer Costin, Leither Russ, Gracie Raspberry; [Waifs] Mollie Holton, Lottie Fales.

Collection recitation, Maggie Simons.

Collection, eight girls, willing workers.

Recitation, "Nobody's Child" Sallie Justice.

Representatives of Nations—Messenger, Miss Ollie Devaun, America, Miss Mabel Littleton; Turkey, Miss Letitia Aman; Japan, Miss Alice Curtis; Syria, Miss Lillie Parker; China, Miss Gerusha Greer; Persia, Miss Hazel Hamlin, Africa, Mr. Clyde Moore, India, Miss Kate Costin.

Santa Claus was cleverly impersonated by Mr. J. C. McAllister. St. Nick made a rather novel appearance aboard a fruit vessel, laden with fruits and candies, and being drawn by fairies represented by Elmer Costin, Myra Fales, Belle Thomas and Leither Russ.

The musical accompaniments were played by Misses Alice Curtis and Mabel Littleton. Every detail of the elaborate arrangements passed off with great credit to the school and those who participated in the exercises.

One of the very handsome presents received was a beautiful silver shaving set presented to Mr. John F. Littleton by his Sunday school class of young men by whom he is held in very high esteem.

—Miss Eva B. McCue, from Richmond, and Miss Helen E. Mabry, from Ridgeway, teachers in the Wilmington High School, returned yesterday from their holiday vacations to resume their duties upon the opening of the school this morning.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of EMMA SEABLESS will take place Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 1905, in St. James A. M. E. church near Rock Hill, N. C., and her remains will be interred in the family cemetery at her late home, being a part of the old Hermitage near Castle Haynes, N. C. She was once owned by Mr. H. W. Burgwyn and was widely known and respected by both white and colored. She has served the public long and well. She fell at her post of duty as a nurse and lived to a ripe old age. She leaves to mourn their great loss, a husband, Abraham Sharpless, a daughter, Bettie Dixon, and a son, Rev. P. W. Lawrence, now Presiding Elder in the Fayetteville District in the A. M. E. Zion church.

P. W. LAWRENCE.

DIED.

MASON—HOWARD LEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mason, aged 10 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the family residence, No. 901 North Third street. Interment in Bellevue. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the co partnership heretofore existing between W. A. Dick and James Owen Reilly, partners trading under the firm name of Dick & Reilly, which said firm had been engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business, has this day been dissolved. Mr. James Owen Reilly having purchased the interest of Mr. W. A. Dick in said business and he will continue to carry it on in his own name.

All debts due by the said firm will be paid by Mr. James Owen Reilly and all persons indebted to said firm will make payment to Mr. Reilly who is authorized to receipt for same.

DICK & REILLY.

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Partnership Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have this day associated themselves under the firm name of CROW & TAYLOR for the purpose of conducting a first class retail grocery business at No. 14 Market street, the business formerly conducted by J. HARGROVE TAYLOR. We solicit your patronage.

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Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as Executrix of John H Gore, Jr., deceased, late of the county of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of December, 1905, or this notice will a plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

MARY A. GORE, Executrix.

This 19th day of December, 1904. tu de 27

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3.

PORT ARTHUR AND SEBASTOPOL.

The final capitulation of Port Arthur has occurred. The Japanese on Sunday night at 9 o'clock captured the Russian stronghold, and THE STAR'S cablegrams to-day tell us that the surrender was honorable to General Stossell, the heroic defender of the key to the Manchurian situation. It was a bad New Year's day for Russia, but a glorious one for Japan, which will more than ever have reason to adopt the Christian calendar.

Port Arther was probably the best fortified city in the world. It is on a land-locked harbor and within that harbor was a comparatively strong navy at the begging of the war. On the land side the city is surrounded by mountains and high hills, extending for miles around. For a distance of twenty miles out from the city the Russians had formidable lines of defence. They were fortified in the best manner known to the science of war and they appeared well nigh impregnable. There was one line after another of these lines of defense and the Japanese by seige were compelled to take one after another. They have finally succeeded but at a tremendous cost of life and treasure.

With the naval defence in front and with land fortifications to cooperate with the navy, a harbor attack on Port Arthur was impossible. The long diplomatic correspondence between Japan and Russia over the former's demand for the abandonment of Manchuria by the Russian troops resulted in the severance of diplomatic relations on the 6th of last February. The Japanese minister to Russia had barely time to take his leave and reach Germany before the Japanese began hostilities. The Mikado had prepared for the inevitable, and on the 8th of February, only two days after the formal severance of diplomatic relations, Admiral Togo's fleet appeared in front of Port Arthur and at one brilliant swoop inflicted grevious injury to the Russian squadron there. It was made clear by that bold dash of Togo's that the Japanese naval preparations for the contest were complete. The Mikado for the third of a century had been building his navy, and for the last decade had made a systematic and successful effort that entitled the Japanese navy to the respect of the world powers. The past few years in Japanese navy building was by way of preparation for the inevitable conflict with Russia. We remember that when the Japanese-Chinese war concluded with a victory for Japan, the bitterness of the Japanese was accelerated against Russia for taking the lead in preventing Japan from acquiring territory as indemnity for the war. It was then stated that Japan would prepare to meet Russia, and indeed the clash came. Japan was prepared when she demanded the evacuation of Manchuria by the Russians.

After Togo's onslaughts on the Russian squadron at Port Arthur had so crippled Russia's sea power that it made Japan mistress of the eastern seas, Japan landed troops in Corea for the invasion of Manchuria. She also landed troops at Port Adams and in May the investment of Port Arthur was begun by land and by sea. The history of that terrible siege has been daily told in the press dispatches running through a period of seven months. The tremendous slaughter has shocked the world, but the desperate vallor of the assailants and the stubborn resistance of the defenders has none the less challenged the admiration of the world.

Japan's preparedness for the war if not in her superiority on sea and land has been emphasized by the first campaign, in which, according to the concensus of mankind, decides the war in her favor. Russian obstinacy and the fight of her life will lead her to continue the war. The Japanese have been clear victors in the first campaign, but with Russian pride hurt and her prestege, doomed, there is no telling how long or where the war will end. The STAR took that position at the beginning of the war and that is what we think of the situation now. We believe, however, that Russia will be vanquished finaly.

We wish to pay a tribute to the heroic obstinacy of General Stoessel and the defenders of Port Arthur. Cut off by land and sea and amid the most awful privations, they have withstood the terrible onslaught of the greatly outnumbering foe. Hitherto the seige of Sebastapol has been pointed to as the classic example of determined onslaught and stubborn resistance behind scientifically constructed fortifications, but Sebastopol, with all its terrible history, fades into utter insignificance in comparison with the seige and defense of Port Arthur. The Sebastopol tragedy was mere child's play considered with that at Port Arthur where modern gunners and materials of destruction have played havoc such as the world has never beheld.

THE END OF A HATFIELD.

One of the Hatfields, of Hatfield-McKoy feud fame, was run over and killed by a train a few days ago in West Virginia. The feud, it will be remembered, was mutually settled by both sides when the Governor of West Virginia pardoned out of the penitentiary some of the fuedists who had been convicted of manslaughter. However, since the Hatfields on one side and the McKoys on the other, together with the adherents on both sides, agreed to quit the killing business, some of the killings in the feud district since then have been attributed to the feud.

One of the feudists, a Mr. Hatfield, comes to Wilmington occasionally on business. Instead of having the appearance of an "Arizona Pete," he is, to the contrary, quite a fine looking, well dressed and gentlemanly fellow. He deprecated the career of violence in which these families were involved from time immemorial, and stated, when here, that it was either kill or be killed. If we mistake not, he now resides in Marion county, S. C., and says he changed his residence because he wished to live the balance of his days in peace.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— North Carolina will really begin her new year with the inauguration of her new Governor and the assembling of her new Legislature.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

—— "I am a Democrat," so President Roosevelt is reported to have said. Is that the kind of a new leaf he proposes to turn over for the new year?—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

—— Charley Schwab says the prospects were never so bright "for an era of unexampled prosperity." Some one should tell Schwab that the campaign is over.—Washington Post.

—— Although cotton is 6 cents a pound less than a year ago, the mill owners in the Fall River district still insist that the wages of employees must be reduced on account of "the increased price of raw materials."—Washington Post.

—— The drop in the price of cotton—nearly six cents a pound as compared with last year's prices—goes far to justify the continuance of the strike of employes at Fall River without reference to its original cause. The spinners should participate in the advantage of a lessened cost of raw material.—Philadelphia Press.

TWINKLINGS

— Liberal-Minded to a Degree: Nell: Maude is rather liberal-minded, isn't she? Bell, Liberal-Minded: Why, she can't open her mouth without giving herself away. —Philadelphia Record.

— What She Meant—Mrs. Caudle: Now, you'll come home straight from the club. Mr. Caudle: Yes, dear; you mean I'll come straight home. Mrs. Caudle: No! I mean you'll come home straight. —London Opinion.

— Bitter—Mrs. Kute—You really need a rest. Let's go to Bongtong Springs. Mr. Kute—Huh! that place is only fit for women and fools. Mrs. Kute—Yes, that's what I say. Let's go there together.—Philadelphia Press.

— Deacon Jones—"Didn't I see you coming out of a saloon last evening?" Slingsby—"Lucky for me you didn't see me when I was going in. I might have had to pay for somebody else's drink besides my own."—Boston Transcript.

— "I see that Senator Cullom was kissed by a pretty girl whose young man he had saved from being sent to the Philippines." "How bold!" "Senator Cullom is considered the homeliest man in Illinois." "How artful!"—Cleveland Plaindealer.

— Buying a New Bonnet.—Mrs. Brickrow—How do you manage to persuade your husband to buy you such expensive bonnets? Mrs. Topflatte—I take him shopping with me, walk him around until he can't stand, and then wind up in a bonnet store. He'll buy anything to get home.—New York Weekly.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents.

For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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I TRIED Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured of catarrh. The terrible headaches from which I long suffered are gone. — W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

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A RELIABLE MEDICINE.

A Reporter of the Star Interviews Our Local Druggist, Mr. Robert R. Bellamy.

The Interview of Interest to Every Person in Wilmington

So many patent medicines and advertised cures are now offered to the public that our readers should be glad to know the opinion of a man who has spent years in handling them, and profit by his advice.

Said Mr. Bellamy, "After having sold drugs and all kinds and makes of medicines for so many years, naturally we have learned something about them, their value, and power to cure.

There is no one medicine that will cure everything, but this I do know, that if the people of Wilmington only realized the wonderful curative and strength creating power of Vinol, I would not have clerks enough in my store to put up the orders for it."

Continued Mr. Bellamy: "You see Vinol is not a patent medicine, and it actually does contain every one of the fifty odd medicinal curatives taken from fresh cods' livers, with other vitalizing ingredients. It contains no poisonous drugs or nauseating oil, and you know just what you are taking. Vinol has wonderful life-giving properties; it tones up and invigorates every organ of the body to do its work, and we know it will make rich, red blood, build up the depleted system and create strength.

"When I tell you that we have never sold in our store such a valuable remedy as Vinol for the following ailments, and that if it fails to accomplish what we say it will, we will refund your money, it will show our faith in its wonderful curative and vitalizing powers.

"It will build up run-down, tired, debilitated people. It will make the weak and sickly strong and well. It will make flesh for thin people. It will increase the appetite. It will cure nervousness, irritability and sleeplessness. It will cure stomach troubles, dyspepsia and indigestion. It will make rich, red blood. It will make weak, puny, ailing children strong and robust. It is the greatest strengthener and body builder in the world for old people. It is a great strengthener for weak women. It is a boon to nursing mothers. It will positively cure chronic coughs and colds. It cures bronchitis. It makes weak lungs strong, and is of untold value in consumption and all wasting diseases. For the convalescent it has no equal as a strength maker.

"I cannot make a stronger statement and can only ask such people in Wilmington to try Vinol on my guarantee." Robert R. Bellamy, druggist.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Durham Herald: That part of our constitution that provides that a Governor cannot succeed himself sometimes appear to be a hardship, but if they could succeed themselves we might not have so many good ones.

—Mr. Cook Pickler, who lives in Stanly county, about eight miles from Albermale had the misfortune to have the boiler of his saw-mill blown to pieces by dyamite on Thursday night. There is no clue to the criminal. The mill was located in a good, quiet community, and it was not known that Mr. Pickler had an enemy capable of doing such an injury.

— Governor Aycock returned to Raleigh on Sunday from Jacksonville, greatly pleased with his visit there, and to Lafayette, Louisiana. He was given a gratifying reception. His daughter, Louise, aged 4, has diphtheria. The executive mansion is quarantined and placarded by the board of health. This complication will most probably prevent Gov. Glenn from occupying the executive mansion before February. He will to-morrow be officially notified of the development of the case of this dreaded disease.

— Charlotte Observer, Jan. 2d: Rural Officer S. E. Cole, of Belmont Park, was killed yesterday afternoon at half-past 5 o'clock by a negro, Will Springs. The homicide was committed at the railroad crossing near Sugar Creek church and within 200 yards of Zion negro church. Mr. Cole's son-in-law, Mr. H. B. Nabors, a machinist at Liddell's, was there and was shot also. How seriously he was wounded does not yet appear; it seems, though, that he is not much hurt. While services were in progess at the Zion negro church, Will Springs went out and mounted Bob Brennen's wheel. Bob came out later and requested Springs to get off. Springs refused to do so, drew his pistol on Brennen, abused and cursed him, and threatened to kill him. Brennen did the sensible thing when he left for Belmont to get an officer. Mr. Cole asked Mr. Nabors to go with him, and the two white men and Brennen set out for Zion, three miles away. "That nigger belongs to a bad generation of people" said Mr. Cole, as they went. "We will have to keep our eyes open."

— Charlotte Observer, Jan. 2: The many friends of Mr. D. A. Tompkins will be pained to learn that he was the victim of a mishap Saturday night when he was returning in his carriage from a reception at Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Patterson's. The driver lost control of the horse and dropped the reigns, and Mr. Thompson in the rear seat, leaned across to assist in stopping the runaway. He managed to get hold of one rein as they were nearing the fire engine house on North Church street. The water sprinkler was just in front of them and the frightened horse swerved and dashed the carriage into it. Mr. Tompkins was thrown out, his face bruised badly and he received a severe blow on the lower portion of the chest. No bones were broken, and, although he has suffered great pain, it is hoped that Mr. Tompkins will be out again in a few days. He is resting fairly well at his home at the Buford Hotel where he is receiving every care and consideration.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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THREE GOOD THINGS.

Mix Thoroughly With Common Sense and Take Regularly.

Sunshine. — Disinfectant, germicide, soporific, sedative. Soak yourself in it —spiritually, mentally, bodily. Make a storage reservoir of your heart and soul and store up every stray sunbeam that comes your way. Fill the reservoir full, so that there will be enough for your friends and neighbors too. Just a little dab stored up for your own use will all evaporate before you have a chance to get any satisfaction out of it.

Fresh Air.—Disinfectant, germicide, tonic, sedative, stimulant, blood purifier. Pump the pure article down into the very roots of your lungs—steady, sure, all the time, day and night. Pure air, remember, not some old second-hand stuff that has been used over and over again nor that which has been poisoned by the burning of gas in the room, but pure air, fresh from meadow and forest. That is what the air cells of your lungs are in need of if they are to make pure air, without which health is impossible.

Exercise.—Stimulant, lubricant, vermifuge, necessary to proper heart action and a good circulation of the blood. Mix thoroughly with common sense and take regularly.—Maxwell's Talisman.

THE BULL'S EYE.

How the Center of the Target Came to Be So Named.

Why is the target's bull's eye so called?

This is one of many instances in our language where words have gained a higher status than that with which they started and have been promoted from the slang dictionary to the dictionary of words of respectable and current use.

Bull's eye is found in the dictionary of "The Canting Crew" so far back as 1690 and was the vulgar word for the central ring of the target used as a mark for archers, which was colored differently from the other rings. This may have arisen from the ancient rounded shields, cut out of ox hide and strengthened with a spike or central boss for this shield or target; hence target was often used as a mark itself.

When sheet glass began to be manufactured the thickened part, where the tube had been attached, was called the bull's eye. Then this term was successively applied to a lens of glass, especially in a ship's side, to the lens of the lantern, to the lantern itself and finally to the central boss of a target. —London Answers.

RED LETTER DAYS.

The Origin of Thus Designating Notable Occasions.

The origin of a "red letter day" has been traced back to the third century. Gregory, bishop of Cæsarea, zealous for the conversion of pagans, found them unwilling to give up their customary recreations at the festivals of their gods, so, taking a leaf out of their book, he instituted festivals in honor of saints and martyrs.

This example soon led to the institution of holy days, now corrupted into holidays. In old almanacs all such holy days were set forth in red ink, the rest being in black; hence the term "red letter day" for any notable occasion.

Others say that the origin of the expression is much more recent and is due to the fact that saints' day, the 5th of November, the king's birthday and accession and King Charles' day were similarly marked off in red as holidays for the Bank of England, evidently in the times of the later Stuarts. —London Telegraph.

A WEIRD LEGEND.

The Reason of the Daily Ebb and Flow of the Sea.

Do you know why the sea ebbs and flows? This is the legend: The army of drowned twice daily gather their forces at the bottom of the deep and march toward the four points of the compass to lay their weary bones on earth and escape from their watery tomb. You can hear their tramping—they call it sea moaning—and see the waves being pushed on before them in great water hills, which dash against each other in their furious flight from the escaping host, and when they break and hurl clouds of snow white spray high in the air it is caused by the lashings from the swinging, bony arms of the army drowned. And did you ever listen to the weird noise as these mountains of water leap up on each other? That is the cry of the victims of the sea.

On and on the waves are driven, farther and farther they encroach on land, and the feet of the mighty body can be heard scraping for foothold on the smooth, shifting pebbles. Only another incoming wave and escape is theirs, but it is just too late. The reacted undertow sets in, and you hear their bony feet slip from under them, and back they are carried, the sea holding them tightly in its arms, exhausted captives.

Then look when the tide has run far out and see the prints of their feet, and you will know why the sea ebbs and flows.

SERVANTS IN CHINA.

The Way They Show Their Contempt For Foreigners.

The native servants employed by white foreigners in China rarely learn to call their employers by their proper names when among themselves. If the white man understands Chinese they are, of course, careful to refer to him by such deeply respectful names as "Heaven Born" or "Prince of Flowers," but if he only understands English the case is different.

There was once a British warship on the China station which had native servants in the wardroom mess. None of the officers spoke Chinese. One day they invited an American to dine with them. The head butler tried the stranger in Chinese, but he looked blank, although he really knew Chinese thoroughly.

Several times during the meal he laughed, but it was not until it was over that he explained the cause of his mirth.

"You should hear the beautiful names these waiters call us," he said. "The butler has been referring to me all evening as 'He of the Dragon Face.' When you [speaking to the president of the mess] asked for the soda he called out, 'Give the poison water to old Duck Face.' 'Fill the glass of Hog Eyes.' 'When Big Mouth has finished with the fire wine pass it to Red Eyed Salamander.'"

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief, and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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British steamer Chatburn, 1,225 tons, Wood, Charleston, S C, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, January 2.—The exchanges were all closed to-day on account of holiday.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 3.

STEAMERS.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Chatburn, (Br) 1,225 tons, Wood, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Young Brothers, 852 tons, Gabielsen, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Saunders, to master.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.

Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

BARQUES.

Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Musselcrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—78 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels rosin.

W. & W. Railroad—9 bales cotton, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—141 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 125 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—3 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 16 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—4 casks spirits turpentine, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Total—239 bales cotton, 52 casks spirits turpentine, 299 barrels rosin, 61 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

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OVERCOATS	$10
OVERCOATS	$12
OVERCOATS	$15
OVERCOATS	$18
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A CARD.

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Another year has passed away, and we hope you have made the best of it. We wish to thank you for business given us and we trust to be permitted to again serve your interests in the future as we have faithfully tried to do in the past.

Yours,

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No New Year's dinner should be served without

JOWL AND PEAS.

If you wish good luck during the year buy these articles and be sure to eat them. A full supply on hand.

Wilmington Grocery Co,

Jno. L. Boatwright, Manager.

'Phone 14. dec 31 tf

HOME GROWN HAY.

Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.

Best Lime, Anchor Brand

We are offering low, being overstocked.

Small Cream Cheese.

Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.

FINE TOMATOES.

Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.

THE WORTH CO.,

Wilmington. N. C.

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How Many Times Have

you asked has the

FRUIT VESSEL ARRIVED?

Yes, and a portion of the Oranges are at the Ladies' Store. Price just right.

3 lb. London L. Raisins 25c.

Seeded Raisins 10c package.

Currants 9c package.

Big Cocoanuts.

Fresh Tomatoes

Carpenter Grocery.

dec 24 tf

Announcement!

We are now Agents for the Famous Atkins Saw and can furnish you from the smallest Rip and Cut Off to the largest

Circular and Band Saws

from our stock at a moment's notice. With this and our other reliable lines, we are prepared to serve you.

T. D. LOVE COMPANY,

Machinery, Mill, Steamfitters, Yacht and Plumber's Supplies.

204, 206 North Water St.,

de 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Shepard's Lung Food!

THE GREAT THROAT AND LUNG TONIC.

Write for sample bottles. For sale by

J. C. SHEPARD,

Wilmington, N. C.

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QUAIL ON TOAST.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT,

de 8 tf 108 Market street

Our Own! Our Own!!

Pyxis Croup Remedy and Pyxis Toilet Cream

are absolutely essential these bleak cold days. Manufactured by

BULLUCK & COWAN

Druggists.

"We want your business."

313 North Front St.

Phone 150. de 17 tf

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

H. L. Vollers who sues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,

vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2 19-5 or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

December 1, 1904. D. McEACHERN, Receiver.

de 4 30d

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Cocoanuts,
Raisins,
Mixed Nuts,
Florida Oranges (to arrive.)
Prunes,
Dried Apples,

and a full line of CANDY.

Write us for quotations before buying elsewhere.

S. P. McNAIR,

de 6 tf Wilmington, N. C.

ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat

H. L. Vollers,

Wholesale Grocer and Distributor

dec 18 tf

Suggestions for Xmas

A Dinner Set
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

de 4 tf 119 Market street.

REMEMBER!

In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in

Nickle, Brass, Silver

AND GOLD.

Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

dec 15 tf

Christmas Presents.

All the latest Novels, Illustrated Books, Pictures, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Bric a Brac of every description, Fancy Box Paper, Calendars, Xmas Cards, and a beautiful line of leather goods.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

Bookseller and Stationer.

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Did You Ever Drop In The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 207.

dec 11 tf

ORANGES! ORANGES!

I have just received a cargo of fine sweet

West India Oranges,

which I am offering at extremely low prices. Good Baldwin Apples $1.93 per barrel. "Call early and avoid the rush."

A. S. WINSTEAD,

de 29 tf 213 Market street.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhœa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Chas. H. Fletcher.

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Apply now a 100 pound bag of NITRATE OF POTASH on an acre as a top-dresser, and see what it will do.

One hundred pounds of NITRATE OF POTASH used now will have more effect than a ton of fertilizer.

Guaranteed Chemical Analysis. { Soluble Ammonia 16 per cent. / Actual Potash 44 "

For sale only by

SMITH-DAVIS CO., Importers,

Wilmington, N. C. Y. M. C. A. Building.

Peruvian Guano and high grade materials of all kinds.

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NEW HATS

Four hundred and fifty new ready to wear Hats just arrived. Also a big lot Cloaks, Waists, Skirts and Petticoats. Our line is now complete and everything is up to date in style and prices. Our stock is much larger than before, and am sure we can make it to your advantage if you call on us before buying.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

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THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

anized March, 1899.

Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
Total Assets	2,570,000

Our large capital and assets enable us to offer customers exceptional curity and facilities.

$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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ROGER MOORE'S SONS & CO.,

103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Flintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

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Apples, Apples, Apples, Apples.

Car load fresh packed fancy New York Baldwin's just received. These are the best Baldwins we can buy. They are a little higher in price, but a trial order will convince you of the fact that the best Apple is the cheapest.

J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,

Wholesale Fruit and Produce,

108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

P. S.—We have car choice solid head Danish Cabbage which we will sell at closest Prices. J. S. F. & Co.

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ANY MAN

whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.

Deposits made with us on or before January 1st bear interest from that date at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice-President.

C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. de 23 tf

WANTED—YOU— To improve your opportunity and increase your salary by taking a DAY or NIGHT course in Shorthand, Bookkeeping or Telegraphy at the

WILMINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Dec 27 tf

The Culture of the Scuppernong Grape.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 3.

So many requests have come to us as to the best methods of cultivating the Scuppernong grape, that we give a few of the more important details in a circular letter. We wish to state, in the beginning, that we are better posted as to wine making than grape growing, and did not suppose there were any land owners in Eastern North Carolina who did not know as much about grape growing as we did. As there does not seem to be a full knowledge, however, we give that we know for what it is worth.

The Scuppernong will grow and produce grapes on any of the sandy lands South of Norfolk, Va. While cer ain sections are better suited than others, we think we may safely say that any land which grows cotton or corn nicely will produce Scuppernong grapes. They do not seem to bear well West of Middle North Carolina. "The home of this grape is in the Eastern part of the State."

Cuttings may be secured in great quantity by taking any scouppernong vine and letting it fall on the ground in June, and throwing a few shovelsfull of dirt on it at from two to three feet from the outer ends of the limbs. These take root quickly in the fresh earth, and can be taken up and cut off any time from November 1st to March 1st, and set out. Care should be used in selecting thrifty vines with nice grapes, as the vine reproduces the kind. Seedlings (vines from the seed) are not worth planting, as you do not know what kind of grapes they will produce.

The land should be laid off nicely, in rows of twenty feet apart, and vines being set out ten feet apart in the rows, and planted true and square. A good post standing out of the ground not less than seven feet should be set to each vine. These should be, where practicable, of cedar, oak, or lightwood, as the setting of new posts cuts the roots off the vines. A good cutting will reach almost to the top of the post when set out, or grow to the top in one year, if properly cared for. The best method is to wire the vines. When this is done, rows of posts, well braced, have to be set out around the edge of the vineyard, to which are attached the larger wires. Down each row a No. 10 galvanized wire is run as a governor wine, and stapled to the top of each post. Across these governor wires, you stretch at first, one No. 14 wire. If well braced at the ends, this gives all the posts secure bracing. As the vines grow and spread out, you add on each side of the No. 14 wire, other wires, always keeping good arbors for the vines to run on. If you let the branches fall down and have to support their own weight, they do not grow so rapidly. The vine should not be allowed to bunch up in knots, but be kept spread out and growing uniformly in all directions. It takes about 110 vines to set an acre properly laid off. These can be bought through us at 5c. each, if you can not get them from a nearby vine.

The land should be cultivated with crops that do not grow too high, and the vines kept free from trash around the roots, which grow close to the top of the ground. Do not cultivate under the branches, the roots extend and draw sustenance as far af the branches run. Hence if you plow close to the vines you tear up the roots. The best method we know is to keep the roots all around the body of the vine, and as fas as the branches extend, mulched with a heavy coat of woodmold and straw. The home of the vine is the piney woods, where, in the rich virgin soil, it spreads hundreds of feet. The best vines we have ever seen were in old garden plots where they were never plowed, but the weeds kept down. A good plan is, perhaps, to have sheep graze under the vines; but the best plan is to keep in cultivation the land not shaded, and to keep the weeds down on the rest by having a heavy mulch. While fertilizer may produce unusually heavy crops, we advise using coarse barn manure in connection with heavy coatings of woodsmold and straw, so as to keep the soil light and productive. While the vine will grow and produce on light sandy land that will hardly grow cow peas, yet it should not be expected to get good crops from poor land. The soil should be fertilized as directed above. Arbors can be made of wood, as are frequently seen, on a small scale, but the expense of wooden arbors on a large scale is considerable. Galvanized wire on good posts is cheapest in the long run, and makes much less work once the vineyard is well wired. It means only a few posts each year, and a little wiring to take up the slack, and the hauling in of coarse manures. We do not believe in plowing close to the vines. It breaks the roots and inevitably damages the vines.

As to the gathering, the preferable plan is to gather by hand, and in small vineyards this can be done. We pay special prices for selected, hand-gathered grapes. But in a large vineyard th's is not practicable. Poles are attached to strong sheets made of canvas, each about ten feet square, and with leather handles and a man to each side of the sheet, it is easily carried around between the posts, which are set in even rows. Another man or boy, with a forked stick, shakes the vine gently just above the sheet, and the ripe grapes fall and are caught. Children pick up the few grapes which fall outside the sheet. The vines should not be beaten hard, as not only thus do you get green fruit, but damage the vines by breaking the tender new growth which produces the crop next year, or most of it. The leaves can be fanned out by a fan mill or picked out by hand; a fan-mill is best, and can be moved along as you go over the vines. The vines should be gone over as often as the grapes ripen, as you can not gather all the grapes at one time without getting green or overripe grapes, either of which lowers the grade of grapes. What we desire particularly is the White Scuppernog grape. If we are as successful in building up a trade on the Red Scuppernong as we have been on the white, we shall be willing to pay as much for Mish and James Grapes as for the White Grapes; and the James Grapes produce a heavier yield, as a rule, and require a heavier character of soil, more stiffness though not too stiff. Good soil will produce better results than poor soil, though any sandy soil in Eastern North Carolina can be made very profitable in Scuppernong Grapes.

A word as to the profit. An acre will set 110 vines. At three years old, with proper care, they should produce from a peck to a half bushel each. At four years old they should produce not less than one to two bushels each. At this time you can still cultivate one-half the land. At seven years old you should be getting from four hundred to eight hundred bushels per acre. Taking the lowest estimate, say four hundred bushels, at 85c per bushel, which we propose to pay for choice grapes, you have an income of $300 per acre, as a low estimate for each year. Vines live to be over a hundred years old. The old mother vine is still living on Roanoke Island, and is over three hundred years old, and bore fruit last year, though utterly neglected, and its roots are bare. No crop you can grow will give such sure returns. Ten acres in grapes will insure any man a steady income after seven years, which beats any life insurance policy. While it produces some times larger crops than others, it never fails utterly.

To land owners who will set out vines we propose to give contracts guaranteeing a market at a regular and fair scale of prices, for five years, they to guarantee to sell us the crop each year, we to take all the crop that is gathered and offered properly at the nearest railroad station, or at our winery.

North Carolina has, in the Eastern part of the State, more than a million acres of land adapted to the growth of this grape. Granting that only one acre in each one hundred was planted, and that the minimum crop of 400 bushels per acre was produced, and that each bushel produced three gallons of wine, we have twelve million gallons of the finest wine in the world when properly made. This is not half as much as California makes. France which is not so very much larger than our state, produces over a billion gallons of wine. North Carolina COULD, if her people only WOULD, be in this respect, the SOUTHERN FRANCE OF AMERICA, and could make as much wine as France, the greatest wine producing country in the world. We hope to see the work started. If the farmers will make the grapes, we will try to make the wine and sell it.

There is no published treatise on grape-growing that is worth a cent as applied to the Scuppernong. Plant it properly, give it half a chance, and it will make you rich in spite of yourself—independent, at least. It takes a little time. Do not prune it ever, except when necessary to keep it in shape while young. If cut it bleeds and dies, or does not thrive. Give it arborage, and nice rich soil protected from the sun and rains by rich loam, or woodsmold, and it will grow so fast you forget you planted it five years before. Don't be deterred by the five years—you have the use of nearly all your land while it is growing, and once in full bearing, you don't want, at most, over fifty acres to take care of a large family in comfort—in affluence. Even if it netted you only $100 per acre, and you had only 25 acres, it beats cotton or tobacco as a money crop. Don't go in too big at first; plant five to ten acres each year; then the posting and wiring don't come all at once and break you, and you begin to get some income by the time the expense of wiring becomes heavy. We advise, if you purpose to have a vineyard of twenty-five acres, to set out five acres each year. If you want fifty acres, set out ten acres each year. In five years you will be on easy street; in ten years you will be perfectly independent. To any man who will set out vineyards we will give a contract to take his entire product. Get near a shipping point, so you won't have so far to haul your grapes. They are heavy and must be shipped promptly after being gathered. We have and will have facilities to handle them as fast as the farmers can ship them.

Yours very truly,

SOL BEAR & CO.

APPEARING OLD

Acts as a Bar to Profitable Employment.

You cannot afford to grow old.

In these days of strenuous competition it is necessary to maintain, as long as possible ones youthful appearance.

It is impossible to do this without retaining a luxurious growth of hair.

The presence of Dandruff indicates the presence of a burrowing germ which lives and thrives on the roots of the hair until it causes total baldness.

Newbro's Herpicide is the only known destroyer of this pest, and it is as effective as it is delightful to use

Herpicide makes an elegant hair dressing as well as Dandruff cure.

Accept no substitute—there is none.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

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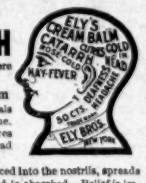

In all its stages there should be cleanliness.

Ely's Cream Balm cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures catarrh and drives away a cold in the head quickly.

Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.

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14 MARKET STREET,

Between Front and Water.

Dill Pickles and Sweet Pickles in Bulk.

North Carolina Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Mackerel, Water Ground meal, fresh from the mill.

Fresh Prunes and evaporated Apples.

ORANGES.

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR.

Prompt Delivery.

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Hamme the Hatter and Clothier.

Comes to the front Xmas Week with a Full Stock of Hats and Clothing. A beautiful assortment of Neck Ties and Silk Handkerchiefs, Boys and Childrens' Suits. Perfect fit Guaranteed. Latest styles and lowest prices.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

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TO ANY ONE PROVING THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS NOT BASED ON ACTUAL FACTS.

MORE REYNOLDS' SUN CURED WAS SOLD IN THE PAST YEAR, 1903, THE THIRD YEAR IT WAS OFFERED TO CHEWERS THAN THE AMOUNT USED IN THE UNITED STATES OF ANY BRAND OF TOBACCO CLAIMED TO BE SUN CURED.

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The C. W. Polvogt Co.

The Store That's Always Busy.

BY PERSISTENT EFFORT

Is success achieved. No shutting off between seasons here. The public are always ready to buy if prices are right. No month in the round year holds as many bargain surprises for you as this month of January. Note the offerings for next week and prove by investigation that we state facts.

Cloaks, Furs, Blankets and Comforters

Have been reduced in price in order to clean up our entire stock before moving.

The Great White Sale Enters this Week With More Genuine Values

Than you will find in North Carolina. Over $3,000 worth of new embroideries will be displayed during the white goods sale. See our assortment before purchasing elsewhere.

India Linens 10, 12½, 15, 18 and 20c, worth 2½ to 5c a yard more.

Another 25c Ribbon Sale, the greatest bargains ever shown in Wilmington for 25c a yard.

Sale begins Tuesday, January 3rd.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

dec 31 tf

Coal, Wood, Coal.

Compare these prices with those of other dealers and see how it will pay you to buy your fuel from us:

Cut Wood, Oak, Ash, Black Jack or Pine,	$1.35	per load
Chestnut Coal, Anthracite,	6.50	per ton
Stove Coal,	6,50	" "
Egg Coal,	6.50	" "
Grate Coal,	6.50	" "
Stove or Grate, Bituminous, Va. Lump,	5.00	" "
Stove or Grate, Bituminous, Tenn. Lump,	5,50	" "

We respectfully solicit your orders and guarantee prompt delivery.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

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OUR THANKS

To our many patrons for their favors during the past season are respectfully tendered.

Our business has been larger than our force could possibly handle, and we beg that any shortcoming in service be pardoned.

With a greater stock, increased and improved facilities, you are assured of prompt, correct attention to your orders.

Wedding Presents in a complete assortment.

GEORGE HONNET,

Jeweler and Silversmith,

dec 28 tf 12 North Front street.

Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes. A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find every thing nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,

108 North Front Street.

OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK. dec 31 tf

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life. dec 27 tf

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 28, 1904.

The Directors of Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent., payable January 1st, 1905, to stockholders of record, December 28th, 1904.

MILTON CALDER,

dec 29 tf Cashier.

Before Selecting

Your Xmas Gifts please call and see our

Brass Andirons,
Brass Shovel and Tong Sets,
Carving Sets,
Pocket Knives,
Razors,
Leggings,
Hunting Boots, Vests.

We have a large assortment, all of which make very acceptable gifts.

J. W Murchison & Co.,

Orton Building,

Special Agents L. & R. Powder, Peninsular Shovels and Howe Scales. dec 11 tf

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA CUBA

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and attractive island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted, special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

Tickets will be limited for return passage on any steamer leaving Havana until January 19, 1905, with privilege of stop overs at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit of ticket, which will be January 21st, 1905.

The rate, $44.70 from Wilmington, N. C., for the round trip, includes meals and staterooms on the steamship.

Mr. A. W. Fritot will meet the party in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently and will place himself at the disposal of the party, furnishing any information desired.

Trains for which tickets for this excursion will be sold will leave Wilmington, N. C., 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4th, 1905.

Make up your party and go and should you desire any other information, books, pamphlets, etc., on Cuba, or "What to say in Spanish and how to say it," address

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

W. J. Craig, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

WISHING

— Everybody —

A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We sincerely Thank our many friends and patrons for THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY TRADE we ever had and beg to solicit your valued Footwear trade for 1905.

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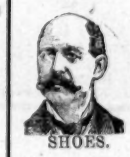

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Yours

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Has Been Opened in the Store of

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Booksellers and Stationers,

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New Crop

EXTRA EARLY PEAS

Have been received. Full stock of Beans and other seed expected in a few days. Prices are right for first class stock.

J. H. Hardin,

126 So. Front St. Druggist.

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29th Semi-Annual Dividend.

The Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on January 3rd, 1905.

M. S. WILLARD,

de 29 2t th su Secretary.

Bananas, Bananas.

Our second car load of fresh, fat Jamaicas will arrive to-day. Dealers 'phone in your orders at once and avoid delay. We will have prices to suit the trade This car consists of large bunches and extra large fruit.

ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY

(Strictly Wholesale Dealers.)

109, 111 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Note—Mr. Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 29 tf

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

GUION & DAVIS, Climax Barber Shop, 7 South Front street.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 41
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 30 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 04 p m	9 22 p m
Ar Wilson	1 14 p m	10 28 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 41 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 56 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 47 a m	9 00 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 48
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 33 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 33 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 00 p m	10 45 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 05 p m	2 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 45 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 10 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	8 15 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 3 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 10 p m	Ar 6 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 8 40 p m

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" Norlina	1 35 p m	8 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 10 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 25 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 18 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 51	No. 35
Leave New York	12 35 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 13 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	5 35 a m	6 00 p m
" Southern Pines	6 55 a m	6 10 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 50 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	1 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Athens	6 05 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa.

SOUTHBOUND	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND	No. 52
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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(Daily except Sunday)

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3.

SAW SHOOTING IN CAB.

Missing Witness to the Cæsar Young Tragedy Located—He Sustains Nan Patterson's Statement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 1.—Following the somewhat sensational development of the publication that W. B. Meyers, a prominent naval stores man of Jacksonville, had stated to a Savannah, Ga., lawyer that he had witnessed the shooting of Caesar Young and Meyer's denial and assertion that he was never in New York, followed by a published affidavit from the lawyer in question, it now develops that Algernon C. Meyer was in New York at the time and saw the shooting and that he has given his testimony to District Attorney Jerome.

Soon after the shooting it was reported that Algernon Meyer witnessed the affair, and at the time attempt was made to confirm the story. It could not be done in New York, for the reason that Meyer had left York and District Attorney Jerome had said nothing concerning the testimony. It could not be confirmed in Jacksonville, for the reason that Meyer's whereabouts were not known to his mother, who lives in Jacksonville, while Meyer has been living at Deland, Fla.

The story was dropped without further investigation until the story of W. B. Meyers' alleged connection with the case developed a few days ago. It was then that the Associated Press correspondent ascertained the whereabouts of Algernon Meyer and queried him direct concerning the matter. The following reply gives the desired confirmation:

"Was in New York; witnessed the shooting; testified before Jerome, my testimony being about the same as Nan Patterson's. A. C. MEYER."

Meyer, it is believed, was the man whom Martin Hazelton says was standing beside him when he saw Cæsar Young shoot himself. Counsel for Nan Patterson have been unable to locate this important witness for the defence. Algernon Meyer is not related to W. B. Meyers, whom rumor has connected with the affair.

VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY.

German Steamer Detained at Newport News With Submarine Boats on Board for Russia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT, NEWS, VA., Jan. 2.—The German steamship Germania with submarines, supposed to be destined for Russia, lashed to her decks and a pilot on board, scheduled to sail at 4 o'clock this afternoon, is strangely delayed at the shipyard. Report of government interfere is current but cannot be confirmed, strict secrecy being observed by all concered.

NEWPORT NEWT, VA., Jan. 2.—The situation to-night indicates that the predicted holdup of the German steamship Adria with the two Lake submarine boats reported to be destined ultimately for the Russian navy on board, has occurred. Just after a pilot had boarded the steamer, which was scheduled to sail at 4 o'clock this afternoon, a stranger whose identity cannot be learned, appeared at the shipyard and a few minutes later it was announced that the vessel would not sail. Information as to the cause of the change of programme, the destination of the submarines and the identity of the messenger is refused.

BLOWN UP AT SEA.

Terrible Fate of a Norwegian Barque With a Cargo of Naptha—Eleven Men Killed—Others Saved.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, Jan. 2.—The Danish steamer Gallia, from Hamburg December 8th for Havana, has arrived here with the survivors of the crew of the Norwegian barque Marpesia, Captain Jensen, from New York December — for Cette. The Marpesia was blown up at sea by the explosion of her cargo of naptha and eleven of her crew were killed. Seven of her crew, who were saved, landed here to-night.

The Marpesia carried out of the port of New York 45,000 gallons of naptha, valued at $44,650. Her agents in New York were Benham & Boyesen. She was an iron three-masted ship of 1,497 tons gross and 1,353 tons net. She was built by Reid & Co., at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1866, and was owned by C. Hannevig, of Christiana, Norway. Her principal dimensions were: Length 234 feet, width 38 feet and depth 24 feet.

THE CHAIN GANG INFAMOUS.

Judge Speer, of Georgia, Again Holds That Such Punishment for Misdemeanors is Contrary to Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Jan. 2.—In the United States Court to-day in the habeas corpus case of Annie Wheeler against the superintendent of the Bibb county chain gang, Judge Speer ordered the marshal to take the petitioner into custody and release her on an apperance bond of one hundred dollars. The judge stated that heretofore in the case of Jamison the court had declared the system of the Bibb county chain gang to constitute infamous punishment and be in violation of the law. The record of this case, he said, fully bears that out. The idea that the woman shall be sent to that chain gang for six months, for loitering, on its face is contrary to every teaching of civilization and humanity.

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, half hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

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HEROIC STOESSEL SURRENDER TO JAPS

After Long Siege, Ammunition Gone and Men Starving, He Gives Up the Fight.

CAPITULATION HONORABLE.

The Mikado, in Admiration of the Stubborn Defenders, Orders That They Receive the Honors of war—The Suffering Awful.

Port Arthur, whose hills have for months run red with the blood of the bravest of two warlike nations, has at last succumbed to the fierce tenacity of the Japanese attack. Gen. Stoessel, most stubborn in carrying out the will of his sovereign, has seen the advance of the besieging army gain in momentum and energy until to hold out longer would have been a crime against humanity. The conditions of the surrender are not yet known, but in all quarters it is anticipated that tney are such as an honoroble soldier may accept from a brave and victorious enemy. At 9:45 o'clock last night the commissioners completed the signing of the capitulation agreement. Both armies had suspended hostilities five hours earlier. The city of Port Arthur will be occupied by the Japanese to-day.

The authorities at St. Petersburg, in the absence of direct official news from Gen. Stoessel that Port Arthur has surrendered, have not permitted the news to become public. Emperor Nicholas is in the South of Russia, and his ministers are for the time being in the dark as to what dispatches have been sent to him from the front.

Tokio was the scene of rejoicing, people of all ranks finding in the outcome compensation for all the sacrifice of life and money that was entailed in the ten months seige.

To what extent the fall of Port Arthur will make for a restoration of peace is an open question."

"There is an encouraging note in the expression by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, at London, of the hope "that in some way it will facilitate final peace." Though the Pacific note is perhaps lost in the later words of the minister which call attention to the fact that the beseiging army will go North, where it will be an offset to the reinforcements Gen. Kuropatkin has been receiving from Russia since the battle of Shakhe. The spirit of the Russians may be judged by the statement of the secretary of the embassy at London that the campaign will be renewed with fresh vigor in the spring, and that the nation will not be content to permit Port Arthur to remain in the hands of the Japanese.

Both in Paris and in London the opinion is that the squadron under Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, which started from Libau for the Far East three months ago will have to retrace its way home, as adherence to the original plans would invite disaster without probability of effecting a junction with the warships at present in the harbor of Vladivostok.

That Japan may not be permitted to retain possession of Port Arthur without dispute is shown in the fact that Paris newspapers are already reviving the claim made in 1901 that the holding of that position commanding the eastern seas by the Japanese would be a menace to European powers.

By Cable to the Morning Star

Terms of Surrender Signed.

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—(morning)—The Russian commissioners appointed to arrange the terms of the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur signed the compact of surrender at 9:45 o'clock last night.

Rejoicing at Tokio.

TOKIO, Jan. 2, 11:30 P. M.—Tokio is wildly joyous over General Nogi's telegram announcing that General Stossel had sent a letter relating to the surrender of Port Arthur. Newsboys crying extras were the messengers who carried the news to the holiday crowds on the streets. The people grabbed the papers and repeated the cries. Thus was the news carried throughout the city and within a few minutes the firing of areal bombs and daylight rockets began in various parts of the city. Bands appeared and a score of small processions formed and surged through the principal streets. Japan has paid a heavy price for the Russian fortress. The prospect of its early possession cheered the people as no other event of the war has done. The Emperor,s new year reception and audience to the army and navy officers and civil officials continued this morning. The news from Port Arthur gave additional cheer to the general exchange of congratulations.

It is believed here that the Port Arthur garrison has received liberal terms There is a general disposition to be magnanimous in view of the garrison's marvelous defence. The public has not been informed of the the result of the meeting of the capitulation commissioners at noon to-day but it was believed that the terms had already been agreed. In military circles the opinion was expressed that the discussion covered only a few questions including allowing the garrison to march out carrying their arms, permitting the garrison to return to Russia with or without their officers and requiring their parole not to take any further part in the war. It is possible that Japan will permit the entire garrison to return to Russia with arms upon giving their parole.

Awful Story.

CHE FOO, January 2 (Midnight).—Commander Karizow, of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Viasini, which arrived here to-day, in an interview with the Associated Press correspondent to-night, said:

"Port Arthur falls of exhaustion, exhaustion not only of ammunition, but of men. The remnant of the garrison left had been doing the work of heroes for five days and five nights, but yesterday they reached the limit of human endurance. In the casements of the forts one saw everywhere faces black with starvation, exhaustion and nerve-strain. You spoke to them, but they did not give answer, only staring dumbly.

"The lack of ammunition alone would not have suggested the seeking of terms. Scant ammunition had long been common in the forirss and during the past month many of the forts had nothing with which to return the fire of the enemy. The Russians sat in the casemate firing not more than once to the two hundred shots by the Japanese. When the assault came they repulsed the enemy with bayonets. But the men themselves, having existed for three months on on reduced rations, were so worn that it is marvellous they stood the final strain so long, and his tunnels. His rifle bullets were seldom found to be of any use.

"We constantly endured a bombardment fiercer than any in history. The Japanese periodically assaulted and then, if repulsed, they calmly resumed their bombardments.

"We who came here to day do not know the terms of surrender suggested by General Stoessel to General Nogi, nor the answer to them having left Port Arthur even before the messenger had been dispatched. The general impression, however, is that Stoessel has proposed that the arm shall go free and that he alone be made a prisoner. Even that concession seemed to wrench out the sturdy old man's heart.

"We still have some ammunition and some guns on Liaoti mountain, but that mountain is not adapted for the best defence from the land side and the Japanese would find this capture easier than the other tasks they have attempted. Tiger's Tail peninsula has to be similarly viewed and Golden Hill has been without ammunition for three months.

"It is a simple story. Had the ammunition held out the fortress would have held out indefinitely. For months we held Port Arthur by bayonets, alone, until flesh and blood could do no more. When man fell there was none other to replace him. Thus the garrison was gradually worn down Two Hundred and Three Meter hill alone cost us 5,000 men. The capture of that hill was the beginning of the end."

"Yesterday General Stoessel would still fight. His wound which was received early in the siege, had been bothering him but his determination to fight while one manjstood had not been diminished.

"'But we cannot fight' said his generals. 'Our men cannot move. They sleep standing. They cannot see the bayonets at their breasts. We can order, but they cannot obey.'

"'Then you generals fight', said Stoessel, clenching his fists.

"He seemed fanatical on the subject but finally he was brought to see reason by the insistence of his subordinates. Admirals Lochinsky and Wiren, Generals Smirnoff and Fock and many others, sometimes with broken voices, urged the step which all dreaded so long.

"I am sure Port Arthur would have sought terms a month ago had it not been for Gen. Stoessel, who with bull dog tenacity steadily refused to permit such action to be taken. He had told his Emperor that he would never surrender and meant to keep his word.

"The greatest loss suffered by Port Arthur occurred a fortnight ago when Major Gen. Krondratenko was killed. Officers and men alike regarded him as the brightest star in the Port Arthur's figmament. When his death became known the fall in the spirits of the soldiers was plainly visible.

Gen. Krondratenko was seated in the casemate of a certain fort discussing with seven other officers the best way of counter-mining against the Japanese when an 11-inch shell burst, killing everybody in the casement.

"Gen. Nogi has taken Port Arthur with his artillery."

TOKIO, January 3.—General Nogi reports as follows:

"At five o'clock in the afternoon January 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came into the first line of our position South of Shuishying and handed a leiter to our officers. The same reached me at 2 o'clock at night. The letter is as follows:

"'Judging by the general condition of the whole line of hostile positions held by you, I find further resistance at Port Arthur useless and for the purpose of preventing needless sacrifice of lives I propose to hold negotiations with reference to capitulation. Should you consent to the same you will please appoint commissioners for discussing the order and conditions regarding capitulation and also appoint a place for such commissioners to meet the same appointed by me.

"'I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of respect. (Signed) "'STOESSEL.'"

Shortly after dawn to-day I will dispatch our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply addressed to Stoessel:

"'I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotions regarding the conditions and order of capitulation. For this purpose I have appointed as Commissioner Major General Ijichi, chief of staff of our army. He will be accompanied by some staff officers and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners January 2 noon at Shuishying. The commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for the capitulation without waiting for ratification and cause the same to take immediate effect. Authorization for such plenary powers shall be signed by the highest officer of both the negotiating parties and the same shall be exchanged by the respective commissioners.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect."

(Signed) "NOGI."

War Ships Blown Up.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from the Japanese army before Port Arthur, received at noon to-day, says:

"The enemy's forces occupying Keekwan mountain and 'Q' fort, following an explosion at 12:30 o'clock this morning, opened a sudden and fierce rifle fire which suddenly stopped. Our scouts were dispatched to the scene and immediately afterwards found the enemy evacuating these places. Our forces immediately occupied these two forts and also the heights known as 'M' and 'N,' south of the forts. This morning almost all the enemy's ships, large and small, were blown up in the entrance and inside the harbor. Our offensive movements have been suspended pending the negotiations."

Japs Driven Back With Great Loss.

MUKDEN, Jan. 2.—A heavy cannonade and rifle fire commenced on the Russian centre early this morning and continued during the day. It is reported that the Japanese attacked in an effort to break the center, but were driven back with great loss.

Japanese to Enter the City To-day.

TOKIO, Jan. 2, 10 P. M.—The text of General Nogi's telegram announcing the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur is as follows:

"The plenipotentiaries of both parties concluded their negotiations today at 4:30 o'clock. The Russian commissioners accepted on the whole the conditions stipulated by us and consented to capitulate. The document has been prepared and signatures are now being affixed. Simultaneously with the conclusion of negotiations, both armies suspended hostilities. It is expected that the Japanese army will enter the city of Port Arthur to-morrow."

The Mikado Honors Stoessel.

TOKIO, Jan. 2, 2:30 P. M.—Marshal Yamagata, chief of the general staff, under orders from the Emperor, has dispatched the following telegram to General Nogi:

"When I respectfully informed his majesty of General Stoessel's proposal for capitulation, his majesty was pleased to state that General Stoessel had rendered commendable service to his country in the midst of difficulties and it is his majesty's wish that military honors be shown to him."

NEW YEARS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Black, White, Yellow and Red People to the Number of 7,778 Were Received.

VERY BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Were Exceedingly Cordial and Carried on Animated Conversation—Precautions for President

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Official and resident Washington to-day extended New Year's greetings to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. The event, brilliant and spectacular as the President's new year's receptions always are, marked the formal opening of the social season of 1905.

The reception was characterized by true democracy. The portals of the White House swung wide for all the world. All the people, whether of high degree or low, whether rich or poor, were welcome to the historic mansion and afforded the opportunity personally to greet both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The total number of callers was 7,778, nearly a thousand more than last year.

By the President's direction, no absolute limit of time was placed on the reception. It was hedged about, however, by certain restrictions in aid of the preservation of order, but in other respects the White House was free to all. The reception of guests began shortly after 11 o'clock and was concluded at 2:27 o'clock.

As the callers entered the White House they were greeted by a burst of melody from the marine band stationed in the great vestibule. A blaze of color and a breath of perfume from beautiful floral decorations; and a scene of splendor, the brilliance of which was enhanced by the soft glow from myriads of shaded electric lights. The floral decorations, while not elaborate, were more profuse than have characterized recent White House receptions.

The beginning of the reception was announced by a flourish sounded by trumpeters of the marine band stationed near the foot of the main staircase. The fanfare signalized the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who entered the Blue parlor to receive ther guests.

Both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were in excellent spirits and joined animatedly in conversation with their guests. Near the entrance to the Red room the President and Mrs. Roosevelt stood. Directly in the door stood a secret service officer who closely scrutinized every person who passed in line. Every precaution was taken throughout the house to insure the safety of the President and others, an extra detail of police, beside several secret service officers, being on duty. Nobody was permitted to carry handkerchiefs or mufflers in his hands and nobody was permitted to pass along the line with hands in his pockets.

Among the first to greet the President were the members of the diplomatic corps headed by Count Cassini, and including the British, French and Italian ambassadors and the Japanese minister. Members of the Supreme Court followed and then Senators and Representatives in Congress were received. Following the legislative, came the military branch of the government. It consisted of officers of the United States army, navy and marine corps, on duty in Washington, and the general and staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

About 1 o'clock the general reception to citizens began.

Every phase of life was represented in the line, old and young, rich and poor, black, white, yellow and red. All were greeted by the President, and under the stirring music of the band the people were kept moving rapidly past the receiving party.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

Jno. N. Cornatzer Made Assistant General Passenger Agent of the 'Frisco.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Jan. 2.—Official announcement is made that John N. Cornatzer, has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the 'Frisco system, with headquarters at Memphis. His jurisdiction will cover a large territory south and southwest. He was connected for many years with the passenger department of the Mobile and Ohio railroad.

WARM WIRELETS

In a game of baseball at Savannah yesterday, the score stood: Savannah 0, Chicago 6.

CHE FOO, Jan. 3, 9 A. M.—This morning two Russian torpedo launches from Port Arthur arrived here. There are seven Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in the harbor.

Republicans of the Tennessee Legislature in joint caucus at Nashville yesterday nominated Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, representative in Congress from the First District, as their candidate for the United States senatorship. The legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic and Senator William B. Bate will succeed himself.

At Tazewell court house, Va., yesterday, Leander Cruey and Estill Burgis, aged respectively 18 and 15 years, were tried on the charge of wrecking a Norfolk and Western passenger train on the Clinch Valley division a week ago by piling rocks and wood on the track and were sentenced to the State reformatory, where they will stay until they are 21 years of age. No one was seriously hurt by the derailing of the train.

TOY PISTOL BROUGHT DEATH.

Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Died Last Night from Blood Poisoning.

Howard Mason, the little ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. MASON, No. 901 North Third street, died last night as the result of blood poisoning following a wound from the accidental discharge of a toy pistol, which tore one of the little fellow's fingers nearly off, a short while before Xmas. At first the wound was thought to be of little consequence, but later the complication set in and the boy's death was rapid. His parents have the sincere sympathy of the community in the loss of their favorite child. The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon with interment in Bellevue.

— Dr. R. C. Bunting returned to Gastonia yesterday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bunting.

COAST LINE TRANSFERS.

Several Changes Went Into Effect at Headquarters Here With New Year.

Several changes, which were recently announced in the official staff at the Atlantic Coast Line headquarters in this city, went into effect yesterday. Mr. George Huske arrived to take up his duties as successor to Mr. W. G. Farlong, assigned to other duties, and Mr. William Flanagan left the office of car accountant to become a special agent in the office of Mr. E. Borden, general superintendent of transportation. It is understood that Mr. Flanagan's new position will require him to be on the road much of the time. Mr. Flanagan is succeeded by Mr. E. E. Gardner, formerly chief clerk in the office, who becomes acting car accountant. Mr. J. C. Lord, formerly in the passenger department of the system but lately in Mr. Flanagan's office, succeeds Mr. Gardner as chief clerk.

In testimony of their esteem for the retiring car accountant, the twenty-five or more clerks in the office presented to Mr. Flanagan Saturday afternoon, two very handsome chairs, which were gracefully received by that popular official.

Capt. W. B. Denham, of Savannah, who becomes first assistat to General Manager Jno. R. Kenly, is expected to arrive here and begin his new duties at once. Mr. M. Riddle has already taken his place as superintendent of the second division at Savannah.

LEGISLATORS ARE OFF.

New Hanover and Brunswick Representatives Took Their Departures.

Representative G. J. Boney, from New Hanover, left yesterday after noon, and Senator Brooke G. Empie, representing New Hanover and Brunswick counties in the Upper House, and Representative C. Ed. Taylor, of Brunswick, left last evening for Raleigh to be present at the caucus of members to-day and the opening of the sessions of the General Assembly to-morrow. Neither of the three had anything to give out for publication before their departure, preferring that the public should wait and condemn or laud their courses there by their actions.

The General Assembly will meet to-morrow, and Governor Glenn will be inaugurated on Wednesday of next week. Arrangements have been made by the Atlantic Coast Line to run a special train from Wilmington to take up those who desire to attend.

Mayor's Malisee Yesterday.

The Mayor's court yesterday was not crowded but still there was a complement of sinners. Frank Mumford, colored, with a record of nine times before the court, was given 30 days on the roads for being drunk and down. Arthur and Willie Gaither, colored boys from Mullins, S. C., for engaging in an affray, were given 20 days each in default of $5 fines. John Grady, colored, for an assault on Marshall Hodges, colored, was given 30 days, and Samuel Moore, Isaac Hill and Cornelius Hall, colored, were bound over to the higher court for gambling. The latter arrests were made by Policeman M. P. Newton, whom the Mayor publicly complimented for the straightforward manner in which he gave in his testimony, John Hooper, the negro who threw a brick and almost fatally wounded another at the Clyde steamer wharf about three weeks ago, was bound over to Superior Court.

Fire This Morning.

The alarm of fire from box 41 shortly after 1 o'clock this morning was on account of the burning of a pitch still belonging to Mr. C. H. Dock, across the river. The still was a total loss, with no insurance, as that class of risks is not taken by the companies. McEachern's naval store shed in close proximity to the still was in danger at one time, but the firemen succeeded in crossing the river before the flames spread.

WILD WEST SHOW.

"The Flaming Arrow" Will be Seen Next Monday Night—Indians.

"The Flaming Arrow," which will be seen at the Academy on next Monday night is reported to have been breaking all records in the first class houses all over the country, East and West, during the past four seasons and this, it's fifth year, bids fair to break many more if its popularity keeps on the boom. It is a play that pleases all classes, men, women and children as there is interest and entertainment for all. To the man and woman who like to see a good romantic play, thrilling, consistent and full of deep heart interest that holds one from the rise of the curtain to the finale, this piece has few equals. And to the small boy who is ever ready to see the big Indian braves with their picturesque headgear, gaudy blankets, beds, mocassins; etc., will find their joy realized, as this attraction carries a band of sixteen full blooded Indians all of them straight as an arrow and lithe as a deer.

Wilmington's Liquor License.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday has the following editorial comment: "The price of liquor license in Wilmington has been raised from $264 per year to $600. In Charlotte, where the city tax has been $1,000, even the new figure seems cheap, but if all the sixty retailers now in business continue, Wilmington will doubtless get nearly as much revenue as could be secured from a dispensary, and that is a good deal. The step is a wise one on moral as well as other grounds."

—The Board of Aldermen will meet to-night and the County Commissioners this afternoon.

At Asher, Oklahoma, yesterday, farmers burned several thousand dollars worth of cotton, some 60 bales, not to be outdone by those of other sections in the effort to reduce the supply of cotton and restore the equilibrium of prices.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get for your money is ten times more important. Burnett's Vanilla costs more because it is worth more.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

We Pay Your City Car Fare on Purchases Amounting to $2.00 and Over.

REHDER'S,

We Pay Transportation Charges on Out of Town Orders Amounting to $5 & over

WE GIVE PREMIUM PUNCH CARDS.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

To all that contributed this year to the success of this business we extend our thanks and appreciation. In 1905 we will offer very special inducements for your trade. It will be to your interest to come to this store often to keep in touch with the many good values offered each day. Out out of town customers should write us often in 1905 for samples and prices. Remember we pay transportation charges on amounts of $5 and over. If the goods are not as represented return them at our expense.

Two Special Sales For January.

"THE CLEARING SALE."

The Clearing Sale comes First. All goods bought in 1904 will be sold At Cost. Watch for the date.

"THE WHITE SALE"

Follows the Clearing Sale.

Only New White Goods offered at very special prices. Watch for the date.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 30 tf

615, 617, 619 North Fourth Streets

At Once!

Start Collecting Trade Discount Stamps and Secure a Handsome Present Free. Ask for Stamp Book Free.

With each and every cash purchase one stamp will be given for each 10c represented in the purchase, for instance on a 50c purchase 5 stamps will be given, on an 80c purchase 8 stamps, &c. No stamps are given on odd amounts. These stamps are to be pasted in the little squares of the book which we furnish you free, and when the book is filled which holds $50 in stamps at 10c each you are entitled to a handsome present free, which you can choose from our Catalogue of Premiums Remember we give you $1.00 worth of stamps free to start you.

Our Premiums Are the Highest Quality Goods,

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COMING!

OUR INVENTORY SALE SOON.

GEO. O. GAYLORD,

206, 208, 210 Front Street.

Agent for Crossett Shoes for Men. McCall's Patterns.

The place that saves you money. jan 3 tf

Cannon Cloth, Best Quality 8c S. & B. SOLOMON.

jan 1 tf

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 1st, 1905.

SPECIAL RATES: To Raleigh Account of Inauguration of Gov. Glenn, Jan. 11th to 14th, 1905.

Account of above occasion Seaboard Air Line announces rate of one fare plus 25 cts., for individuals, and 1 cent per mile, for 10 or more on one ticket, for Military companies and Brass Bands from all points in North Carolina to Raleigh and return, tickets sold Jan. 10th-11th, with final return limit Jan. 14th.

E. B. WILLIAMS, Agent,
Wilmington, N. C.

C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C. jan 3 1w

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the laws relating to the City of Wilmington, N. C., and to enact such additional legislation as the Board of Aldermen of said city may request. WM. E. SPRINGER, Mayor.

December 29, 1904. De 29 1w

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 40 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted—A stout boy about 15 years of age to make fires, sweep out and make himself generally useful, is wanted at the STAR office. A good opportunity for an intelligent boy who wishes to begin at the bottom and climb up. jan 3 3t

Business College Open—Those contemplating a course please call at once. Hours 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Telegraphy. Day and night classes. jan 1 3t

Lost—Small brown pocket-book containing $2.51.—Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at STAR Office. dec 31 3t

Mules for Sale—We offer five good mules in excellent condition at a low price for cash. Alex. Sprunt & Son. dec 30 4t

Mechanics' Home Association will open new series B. and L. book Jan. 7th, 1905. Subscribe now. Nathaniel Jacobi, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. dec 21 1f

Groceries at Cost—Every family has to eat. Why not buy your groceries from yourself. You then get them at cost. You must be interested in saving money on your grocery bill. Let us explain to you how it can all be done. Drop us a postal card and we will send our representative to call on you and explain our plan. Only a limited number more can be admitted. Address The Co-operative Grocery Co., city. dec 30 1w

Italian String Band—First and Second Violin and Harp. Will furnish music for all occasions. Address John Francisco, 308 Walnut street, Wilmington, N. C. de 29 1w†

Ladies—That old machine, or new one, may be giving you some trouble. Let me know by postal card at 114 Wa nut st. Will comeat once to your residence. 26 years experience. J. B. Farrar. de 27 4t

For Sale—South of Market, Eight Houses renting for $35 per Month. Price $3,250. North of Market, 9 houses and lots for $1,000. Apply to H. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate Agents, 114½ Princess street. de 25 tf

Call on A. S. Winstead for Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Irish Potatoes and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 118 Market street. Bell 'Phone 302. Dec 25 tf

We want to put a velvet collar on your Overcoat. Wilmington Dressing Club. no 5 tf

Hello! Call phone No. 1128. D. A. Bowan, Practical Tin and sheet Iron Worker, Plumber and Gas Fitter, 318 Market St. no 30 3 m

Start The New Year Right.

COOK WITH GAS.

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Carolina Insurance Company.

17TH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Total assets $93,738.74
Reserve for insurance in force, and all other liabilities 25,881 45
Net surplus, held for protection of policy holders $67,457.29
Cash Capital $50,000.

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